TRIAD HOSPITALS INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

See Instruction

1(b).

Stock in Triad

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCALISTER GEORGE WAYNE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TRIAD HOSPITALS INC [TRI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(The second sec			
5800 TENNY	SON PARK	WAY	(Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2004	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Division President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PLANO, TX 75024			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I -	· Non-Deri	vative Sec	curities	s Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquire or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/09/2004		M	5,000	A	\$ 11.5	13,294	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2004		S	5,000	D	\$ 37	8,294	D	
Common Stock in Triad Management Stock Purchase Plan							2,601	D	
Common							529	I	By ESOP

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Retirement Savings Plan **ESOP Acct**

Common Stock in Triad Retirement

Stock Fund

60 I Savings Plan

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5,000 04/27/2001 06/10/2009

By 401(k)

Common

Stock

5,00

Plan

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share

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Reporting Owners

\$ 11.5

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

12/09/2004

Officer Director 10% Owner Other

MCALISTER GEORGE WAYNE 5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY PLANO, TX 75024

Division President

Signatures

Non-qualified

Stock Option

(right to buy)

Donald P Fay, 12/09/2004 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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